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## AN APPRECIATION OF BEVERLY DANIEL EVANS

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Beverly Daniel Evans—Born May 21, 1865.—Died May 8, 1922.

A life far less than the allotted period and yet full of that which was good and in it nothing that could be described as undesirable. A college graduate at sixteen, licensed attorney at nineteen, legislator at twenty-one, solicitor-general at twenty-five, judge of the Superior Court at thirty-four, justice of the Supreme Court at thirty-eight, Federal judge at fifty-two. Such was his record of service in public official capacity. Born just as the echoes of the struggle of arms were dying away, he was the first person born in Georgia after the Civil War to hold the different offices just enumerated. Imbued with the traditions of the past, he carried into the era in which he lived the high purposes of the past.

He was a graduate of Mercer University and received his training in the law at Yale University. Endowed by nature with a strong mind inheriting a sense of loyalty, educated under conditions which produced honesty of thought, steadfastness of conviction, and courage of expression, he made a reputation in every line of activity in which he engaged.

He was a lawyer and a judge of ability but he was not a mere lawyer and judge. All matters of public concern challenged his attention. When propriety permitted he participated in public affairs, political, legal and social. His activities in the work of the Georgia Bar Association, the Georgia Historical Society and similar agencies are well known. That which made for the highest ideals in citizenship always appealed to him. His active participation in public affairs did not divert him from the higher duties of

life. He was a worker in religious affairs, a conspicuous figure in the local Baptist Church wherever his work carried him, ever manifesting a lively interest in the work of his denomination.

If I were asked to sum up his life in one word, I would select as that word, faithfulness. He was faithful in every sphere, in private life and public station. His career illustrates how much of service may be compressed into a comparatively short life.

In his life we see that which is calculated to stimulate the young with life before them, and encourage the old to make the most of what still remains to them.